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Request for transfer of FORT HUACHUCA, Arizona, to State of Arizona for use of National Guard of Arizona, under Public Law 289, Eightieth Congress.

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1. Under the provisions of Public Law 289, Eightieth Congress, the State of Arizona, hereby formally requests that portion of the FORT HUACHUCA MILITARY RESERVATION consisting of approximately 31,000 acres, known as the ARTILLERY RANGE, situated in the State of Arizona, be transferred to the State of Arizona as a training area for the National Guard of Arizona, together with such buildings and other improvements as may be located thereon.

2. In addition, it is requested that certain other buildings and improvements located in what is termed as "The Old Post" area of FORT HUACHUCA together with use of all utilities be transferred to the National Guard of Arizona. The buildings and improvements requested are located in the various areas as indicated herein:

All buildings, land, and utilities in Areas 1 to 6 inclusive, all buildings, land and utilities in Area 10, building T-88 in Area 11, Swimming Pool and appurtenances together with buildings and structures number T-13 to T-16 inclusive in Area 12, and airfield in Area 18, except buildings #3075, #3076, #3077 and #3051, and equipment therein; all in Area. 3.

3. This request is submitted in the event of withdrawal of application by the State of Arizona Industrial School.

4. It is further requested that the small arms target areas, together with target houses, latrines and other installations pertinent to the target ranges, all located in Area 17, be transferred to the State of Arizona for use of the National Guard of Arizona. Descriptions to be furnished upon completion of survey.

a. A Right of Entry to the entire training area of the FORT HUACHUCA MILITARY RESERVATION must be reserved to the National Guard of Arizona for the purpose of conducting extensive field training maneuvers.

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5. Where the word building/s or structure is used in this request, it is understood that the contents are considered to be an integral part of the structure or building requested.

6. Justification for use of this reservation by the National Guard of Arizona is set forth herein:

a. The present troop allotment to the State of Arizona is well over three times that of the pre-war strength. Arms and materiel include vehicles of a type and number not heretofore issued to the State. As the 158th Regimental Combat Team with its supporting air arm, is an M-DAY force, a year around training area is required. FORT HUACHUCA fulfills every requirements.

b. The recent action of Congress in passing the Selective Service Law, with provisions that selectees, after discharge from training camps, as well as 18 year olds after one year's training, will revert to the active National Guard for additional training from three years to six years in length, makes it apparent that the National Guard of Arizona will be called upon to handle numbers of troops far exceeding the present capacity of the pre-war training camp - Fort Tuthill at Flagstaff. The augmented number of troops in this year's 1948 summer camp is crowding these pre-war facilities beyond efficient capacity.

c. The National Guard would share this area with reserve troops, both army and air, active, inactive and ROTC and make these facilities available to the extended program of these components.

d. Under guardianship of the National Guard, this agency would hold the FORT HUACHUCA military facilities available at any future time for other military activities.

e. Military facilities will be available for adjacent states which may have need of them for military training.

f. When the National Guard obtains the use of these facilities, it will share these facilities on any agreeable basis which does not interfere with military activities, with other state agencies and holders of portions of the same areas of the installation as requested by the Arizona National Guard.

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